SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Small Bay Partners, LLC's property

DEPARTMENT: County Attorney's Office DIVISION: Litigation

AUTHORIZED BY: Lola Pfeil CONTACT: Sharon Sharrer EXT:

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the proposed negotiated settlement relating to Parcel Numbers 122/722A/722B/722C of the County Road 15 road improvement project. The proposed settlement is at the total sum of \$217,352.00 inclusive of all compensation to the owner, attorney fees of any kind, all costs, interest and any other matter for which Seminole County might be obligated to pay relating to these parcels. Judge Dickey.

District 5 Brenda Carey

BACKGROUND:

see attached

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the proposed negotiated settlement relating to Parcel Numbers 122/722A/722B/722C of the County Road 15 road improvement project. The proposed settlement is at the total sum of \$217,352.00 inclusive of all compensation to the owner, attorney fees of any kind, all costs, interest and any other matter for which Seminole County might be obligated to pay relating to these parcels.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Small Bay Partners, LLC's property

Additionally Reviewed By:
No additional reviews



COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

Matthew G. Minter, Deputy County Attorney

Ext. 5736

CONCUR:

Pam Hastings Administrative Manager/Public Works Department

David Nichols, Principal Engineer/Engineering Division

DATE:

December 21, 2007

RE:

Settlement Authorization

County Road 15

Parcel Nos. 122/722A/722B/722C; Small Bay Partners, LLC

Seminole County v. Small Bay Partners, LLC.

Case No. 2007-CA-827-13-W

This memorandum requests settlement authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for Parcel Nos. 122/722A/722B/722C on the County Road 15 The recommended settlement is at the total sum of road improvement project. \$217,352.00 inclusive of all compensation to the owners, attorney fees of any kind, all costs, interest and any other matter for which Seminole County might be obligated to pay in the referenced case allocated as follows:

\$191,200.00	Land value, severance damage, and statutory interest
\$ 9,471.00	Statutory attorney's fee
\$ 12,962.25	Engineering cost reimbursements
\$ 2,625.00	Appraisal cost reimbursements
<u>\$ 1,093.75</u>	General contractor reimbursements
<u>\$217,352.00</u>	Total

I. THE PROPERTY:

Location Data Α.

The subject property is located at the southwest corner of County Road 15 (Monroe Road) and Church Street within unincorporated Seminole County, Florida. A location map is attached as Exhibit A.

B. Property Address

The subject property has an office/warehouse on it. Each unit has a different address on Monroe Road or Church Street. A parcel sketch is attached as Exhibit B.

II AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE.

The BCC adopted Resolution No. 2006-R-114 on May 9, 2006, authorizing the acquisition of the referenced parcels. The County Road 15 road improvement project was found to be necessary and serves a public purpose and is in the best interests of the citizens of Seminole County. The Order of Take occurred on June 7, 2007, with title vesting in Seminole County on June 19, 2007, the date of the good faith deposit in the amount of \$151,200.00 for these parcels.

III ACQUISITIONS AND REMAINDER

Parcel No. 122 is a 22,825 square feet acquisition in fee simple from a parent tract of 590,020 square feet with a remainder of 567,195 square feet. The fee simple taking is a rectangular shaped parcel off the subject's C-15 frontage. All the temporary construction easements are also rectangular in shape; Parcel No. 722A contains 66 square feet which will be used to construct a drainage inlet; Parcel No. 722B has 801 square feet and its purpose is to reconnect the C15 ingress/egress driveway. Parcel No. 722C is 120 square feet and will be used in conjunction with Parcel No. 722A.

IV APPRAISED VALUES

The County's original appraisal report dated September 20, 2006, was prepared by Florida Realty Analysts, Inc., and reported full compensation to be \$144,300.00 for Parcel No. 122 and \$200.00 for Parcel No. 722A, \$1,600.00 for Parcel No. 722B and \$5,100.00 for Parcel No. 722C. The updated report for the order of take hearing that occurred June 7, 2007, opined the same values. To date, the owner does not have an appraisal report.

V BINDING OFFER/NEGOTIATION

The County's initial written offer was \$162,500.00, exclusive of costs and fees. The owner initially sought non-monetary benefits valued at an additional \$80,000.00, but then settled for a total of \$191,200.00, exclusive of fees and costs.

VI ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS

A. <u>Attorney's Fees</u>. The statutory attorney's fee reimbursement totals \$9,471.00. The sum is statutorily computed based upon a settlement sum of \$191,200.00 less a first written offer of \$162,500.00 to produce a benefit of \$28,700.00.

B. <u>Cost Reimbursements</u>. The owner's cost claim of \$16,681.00 for expert fees and cost reimbursements is reasonable.

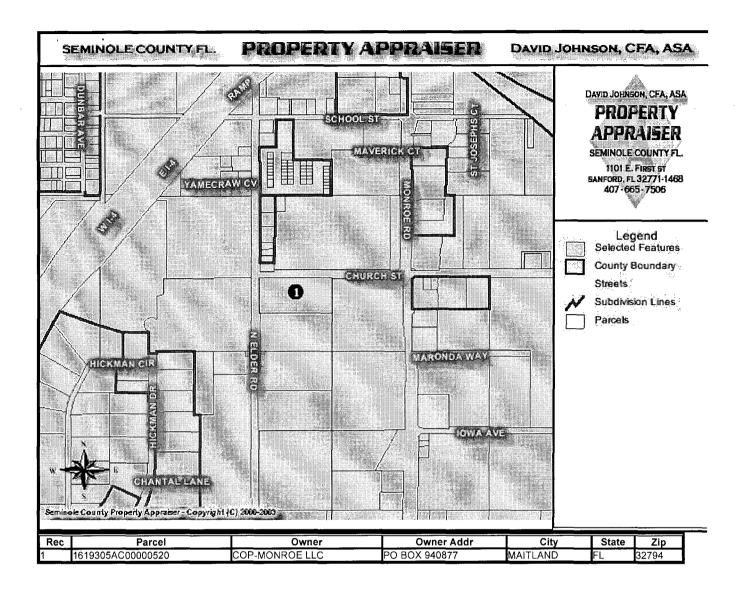
VII COST AVOIDANCE

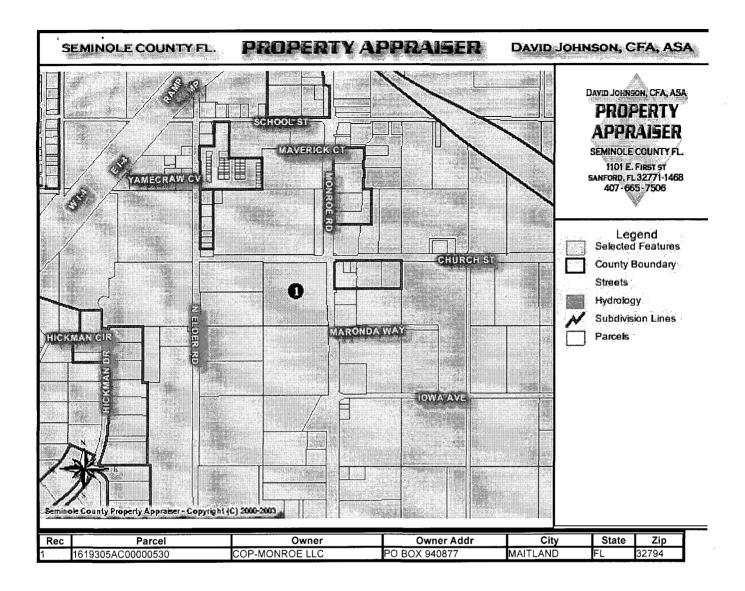
The owner's engineer identified several items of severance damages and proposed a cure plan that would have cost approximately \$80,000.00 in addition to the good faith deposit. The owner then entered a deal to sell the remainder to a third party who apparently elected not to obtain the cure and have its cost added to the purchase price for the remainder. The owner sold the remainder to the third party without the cure. The owner is willing to settle for \$40,000.00 monetary compensation in addition to the good faith estimate. Since the \$40,000.00 is only half the cost of the \$80,000.00 cure plan, this settlement is reasonable. This settlement will also avoid the expense of additional appraisal fees that would otherwise be necessary if we continue to litigate this case.

VIII RECOMMENDATION

County staff recommends that the BCC approve this negotiated settlement in the total sum of \$217,352.00 inclusive of all compensation to the owners, attorney fees of any kind, all costs, interest and any other matter for which Seminole County might be obligated to pay relating to these parcels.

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Two (2) Attachments:
Exhibit A - Location Maps
Exhibit B - Sketch
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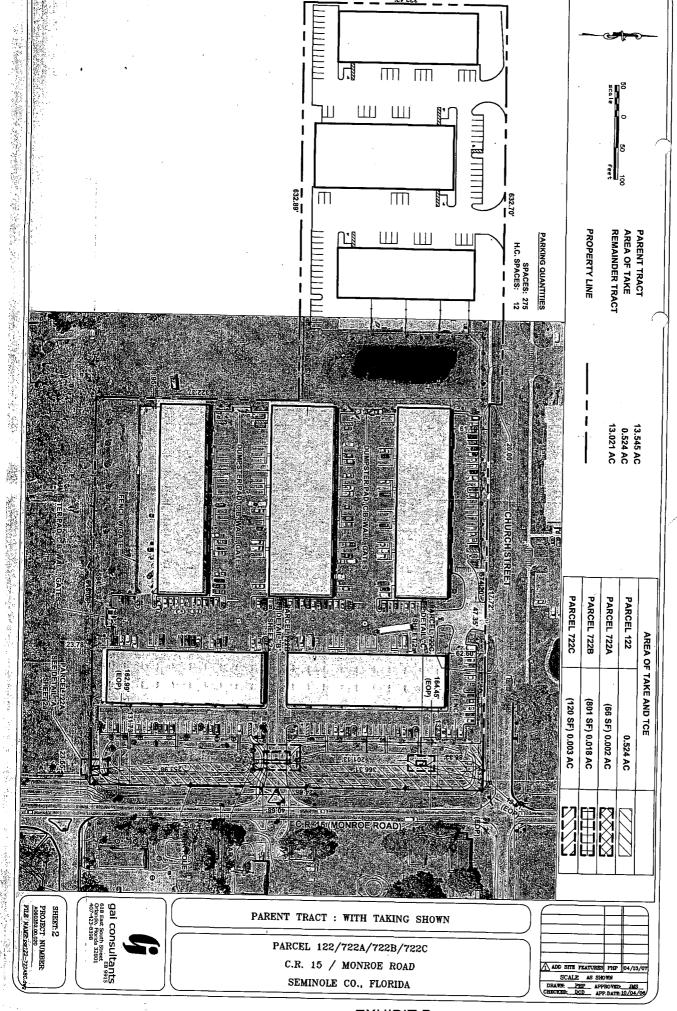


EXHIBIT B